
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1914**

December 5, 2002
(Date of Report – Date of Earliest Event Reported)

COLE NATIONAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-12814
(Commission file
number)

34-1453189
(I.R.S. employer
identification)

5915 Landerbrook Drive, Mayfield Heights, Ohio
(Address of principal executive offices)

44124
(Zip Code)

(440) 449-4100
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed from last report)

Item 5. Other Events

Cole National Corporation (NYSE: CNJ) announced today that Ron Eilers, President and Chief Operating Officer of Deluxe Corporation (NYSE: DLX), has been appointed to its Board of Directors.

Cole National Corporation issued a press release on December 5, 2002 announcing this event, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

COLE NATIONAL CORPORATION

Date: December 6, 2002

By: /s/Lawrence E. Hyatt

Name: Lawrence E. Hyatt

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Press release dated December 5, 2002